

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

**Bret BENTON, et al.**

**Serial No.:** Not Yet Assigned

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**For:** METHODS OF SCREENING FOR  
COMPOUNDS ACTIVE ON  
STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS TARGET  
GENES

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**Examiner:** Not assigned

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, please take the following actions before proceeding with examination. This amendment has been prepared in accordance with the new amendment format in the proposed revision to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please delete the entire section of the application on page 1 under the heading, "RELATED APPLICATIONS" and replace it with the language in Exhibit A.

**SEQUENCE LISTING**

Submitted herewith is a hard copy of the sequence listing disclosed in this application. The listing contains no new matter. The sequences on the hard copy are identical to those submitted with the priority application Serial No. 08/714,918 filed September 13, 1996.